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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1238**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Weber**

February 22, 2013

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An act to add and repeal Section 3054.5 of the Penal Code, relating to parole.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1238, as amended, Weber. Parole: reentry programs.

Under existing law, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is required to establish 3 pilot programs to provide intensive training and counseling for female parolees to assist in the successful reintegration of those parolees into the community. Existing law authorizes the department to establish and operate a specialized sex offender treatment pilot program for inmates whom the department determines pose a high risk to the public of committing violent sex crimes.

This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish up to 5 reentry work training programs for parolees between 18 and 24 years of age to assist in community reintegration upon discharge from prison. The reentry programs would include construction training, academic services, counseling and mentoring, and tracking of graduates after completion of the program. The bill would require the department to maintain statistical information related to the reentry programs, ~~as specified~~ *and would require the department to report this information to the Legislature, as provided.* The bill would also provide that these provisions would be repealed on January 1, ~~2016~~ *2017*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 3054.5 is added to the Penal Code, to  
2 read:  
3 3054.5. (a) (1) The Department of Corrections and  
4 Rehabilitation, to the extent existing resources are available or  
5 additional resources for these purposes are appropriated, shall  
6 establish up to five reentry work training programs.  
7 (2) The reentry programs shall target parolees between 18 to  
8 24 years of age to assist in the successful reintegration of those  
9 parolees into the community upon release or discharge from prison  
10 so that those young individuals can transform themselves into  
11 productive citizens with viable futures.  
12 (b) The reentry programs shall enroll parolees in job training  
13 programs as described in Article 4 (commencing with Section  
14 9800) of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Unemployment  
15 Insurance Code. The reentry programs may include, but are not  
16 limited to, the following components:  
17 (1) Construction or rehabilitation of very low income housing,  
18 thereby providing training to parolees in the construction trades.  
19 (2) Enrollment of parolees in academic services leading to a  
20 high school diploma or equivalency.  
21 (3) Personal counseling and mentoring of parolees from adult  
22 role models.  
23 (4) Tracking of graduates after completion of the program to  
24 offer additional support.  
25 (c) The department shall maintain statistical information related  
26 to these reentry programs, including, but not limited to, the number  
27 of parolees served and the rate of return to prison for those parolees.  
28 ~~This information shall be provided to the Legislature upon request.~~  
29 *On January 1, 2015, and on each January 1 thereafter, the*  
30 *department shall report this information to the Legislature. A*  
31 *report submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be submitted*  
32 *in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.*  
33 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2016  
34 2017, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,

1 that is enacted before January 1, ~~2016~~ 2017, deletes or extends  
2 that date.

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